IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

SCOTT DOLEMA, on behalf of plaintiff and the class defined below,)).)
Plaintiff,)
v.) No. 16-cv-10651
FORA FINANCIAL, LLC, and FORA FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, LLC, both doing business as "FORA FINANCIAL", Defendants.	 Judge Andrea R. Wood Magistrate Judge Maria Valdez) <li< td=""></li<>

DECLARATION OF LEWIS S. WIENER REGARDING NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1715

I, Lewis S. Wiener, declare under penalty of perjury, as provided for by 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the following statements are true and correct:

- 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and if called to testify as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the following facts.
- 2. I am an attorney with the Law Firm of Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP, which serves as counsel for Defendants, Fora Financial, LLC and Fora Financial Holdings, LLC, in this case.
- 3. I submit this declaration upon personal knowledge to demonstrate Defendants' compliance with the notice requirements of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 ("CAFA").
- 4. On December 14, 2017, this court entered an order preliminary approving the proposed class action settlement of this matter.

- 5. On January 4, 2018, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715 (a) & (b), Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP staff, acting under my direct and supervision, served the CAFA Notice, which consisted of a cover letter and certain accompanying documents. The Notice was served upon the U.S. Attorney General and the appropriate government officials for all fifty states and in American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands.
- 6. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the letter that was mailed as described in paragraph 5.
- 7. Attached as Exhibit B is the list of the names and addresses of the government officials upon whom the CAFA Notice was served.
- 8. I have not received any objections or concerns regarding the CAFA notice nor the Settlement itself.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 29th day of January, 2018.

Lewis S. Wiener

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January 4, 2018

Via Certified Mail

Re: CAFA Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement

Dear Sir or Madam:

Eversheds Sutherland (US) LLP represents Fora Financial, LLC and Fora Financial Holdings, LLC (collectively, "Defendants") in a putative class action lawsuit alleging violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §227 and the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act, 815 ILCS 505/2 entitled *Scott Dolemba vs. Fora Financial*, *LLC and Fora Financial Holdings*, *LLC*, Case No. 1:16-cv-10651. The lawsuit is pending before the Honorable Andrea R. Wood in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. This letter is to advise you that the Court preliminarily approved a class action settlement on December 14, 2017.

Case Name:

Scott Dolemba vs. Fora Financial, LLC and Fora Financial Holdings, LLC

Case Number:

Case No. 1:16-cv-10651

Jurisdiction:

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Eastern

Division)

Date Proposed Settlement

Filed with the Court: December 12, 2017

Defendants deny any wrongdoing or liability whatsoever, but have decided to settle this action solely in order to eliminate the burden, expense, and uncertainties of further litigation. In compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b), the following documents referenced below are included on the CD that is enclosed with this letter:

- 1. **28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(1) Complaint and Related Materials:** A copy of the *Class Action Complaint* is included on the enclosed CD-ROM.
- 2. **28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(2) Notice of Any Scheduled Judicial Hearing:** The Final Approval Hearing is currently scheduled for May 15, 2018. Included on the enclosed CD-ROM is the Court's *Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement*.
- 3. **28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(3) Notification to Class Members:** A copy of the *Class Notice with Claim Form* to be provided to the class is included on the enclosed CD-ROM.
- 4. **28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(4) Class Action Settlement Agreement:** A copy of the *Class Action Settlement Agreement* is included on the enclosed CD-ROM.
- 5. **28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(5) Any Settlement or Other Agreement:** As of the date of this letter no other settlement or agreement has been entered into by the parties to this Action.
- 6. **28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(6) Final Judgment**: No Final Judgment has been reached as of the date of this letter, nor have any Notices of Dismissal been granted at this time.

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- 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(7)(A)-(B) Names of Class Members/Estimate of Class Members: Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(7)(A), at this time it is not feasible to provide a list of class members who reside in each state, because the class member data does not include for all class members the name, address, or state of residence for each person to whom a call was placed allegedly in violation of the TCPA. Rather, the available data reflects principally the telephone number (and area code) to which a call may have been successfully placed. There are approximately 47,385 class members. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(7)(B), the following is an estimate of the approximate percent of class members residing in each state and the proportionate share of the claims such class members have to the entire settlement: Florida (14%), California (13%), Texas (12%), New York (6%), Georgia (3%), North Carolina (3%), Ohio (3%), Illinois (3%), Maryland (2%), Michigan (2%), Massachusetts (2%), New Jersey (2%), Pennsylvania (2%). We estimate that less than 2% of the class members reside in any other single state or jurisdiction. Because these class members are spread across many states and jurisdictions, this notice is being sent to the appropriate officials in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands.
- 8. **28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(8) Judicial Opinions Related to the Settlement:** A copy of the Court's *Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement* is included on the enclosed CD-ROM.

If for any reason you believe the enclosed information does not fully comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1715, please contact me immediately at (202) 383-0140 or by e-mail at lewiswiener@eversheds-sutherland.com so that I can address any concerns or questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

LEWIS S. WIENER

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Enclosure: CD-ROM

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